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H.B. No. 4141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to education and training for peace officers on
3 interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other
4 dementias.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 1701.253, Occupations Code, is amended
7 by adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

8 (q) As part of the minimum curriculum requirements, the
9 commission shall require an officer to complete a four-hour
10 statewide education and training program developed by the
11 commission on techniques to facilitate interaction with persons
12 with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, including techniques
13 for recognizing symptoms, communicating effectively, employing
14 alternatives to physical restraints, and identifying signs of
15 abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

16 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Texas
17 Commission on Law Enforcement shall establish the education and
18 training program required by Section 1701.253(q), Occupations
19 Code, as added by this Act.

20 SECTION 3. Section 1701.253(q), Occupations Code, as added
21 by this Act, applies only to a person who submits an application for
22 a peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, on or
23 after January 1, 2022. A person who submits an application for a
24 peace officer license under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, before

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1 January 1, 2022, is governed by the law in effect immediately before
2 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
3 effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.